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Dear Friend:

I see you are getting an idea now how big a headache this Negro Baseball can be. Most of the aches are unnecessary, but as long as the people in it are so selfish I guess they will continue. Most of the members think only of their own team, and they own finances. Helping each other never enters most of their minds.

I am sure you have read, we are leading the league in this second half. Not far enough in front to have it cinched by any means, but still in there fighting. This narrow margin is due to the few games we play, which is just one of our many faults.

Early this year when we started discussing dates in Detroit", you told me you were saving Sept. 16th for one of the playoff games. I had been planning ever since to try and be in the playoff so I could come there on that date. Now Posey tells me he has the date to bring who he wants in. If this is true we may still get in if we win this half. I believe Tom will order The Grays to have a playoff. If we do win we would play Sept. 9th here in Newark, next one of the first days of the week, according to how The Bears finish, then we should play a night in Pittsburg on our way to Detroit for that Sunday the 16th. This would assure 4 games at least. We will certainly know how things stand by the time your game is played in Detroit the 9th. In the meantime please let me know if some other attraction has been booked there that date. I have to try and keep busy until the 30th.

Very Truly Yours

Isn't Birmingham the team that started your headaches?